

**TOWN OF GRANBY
ATHLETIC FIELDS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS BUILDING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 19, 2012**

PRESENT: Ronald Durej, Chairman; James Lofink, Benjamin Perron, and David White.

OTHER PRESENT: B. Scott Kuhnly, BOS Liaison; Dr. Pat Law, High School Principal and BOE Liaison; and high school coaches

Ron Durej stated there was a quorum and the meeting of the Athletic Fields and Special Projects Building Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC

No public addressed the Committee.

MINUTES

The Committee reviewed the minutes for the meeting of May 15, 2012 and June 5, 2012 before taking action.

ON A MOTION by Ben Perron, seconded by Jim Lofink, the Committee voted (3-0-1) to approve minutes of June 5, 2012 as presented. Ron Durej abstained.

ON A MOTION by David White, seconded by Ben Perron, the Committee voted (4-0-0) to approve minutes of May 15, 2012 as presented.

ARTIFICIAL TURF EDUCATION SESSION and HIGH SCHOOL COACHES INITIAL INPUT

Chairman Durej introduced Eric Hughes from Field Turf. The Committee introduced themselves to Mr. Hughes.

Mr. Hughes presented a slide presentation of the Field Turf product (artificial turf). Highlights of the presentation are:

- The field turf product is in 21 of 32 NFL game and practice fields.
- In the NCAA league the product is in 63 of the 1-A Division football game fields and in 42 of 1-A Division practice football fields.
- Two characteristics of a turf field are a safe surface and durability. The product is very porous.
- Field Turf provides an eight-year warranty and no deductible. Typically, the turf's life span is ten years.
- A multi-purpose field set up is suitable for all sports, including field hockey. Some tweaking may be done to the fill in the turf field if preferred.
- A turf field that allows for a faster ball is because the turf field has become compacted in areas. Maintenance grooming (raking and brushing) can assist in keeping the field performance at its best, approximately every six weeks or 100 hours of use.
- Grooming consist of a brushing the field down. The brush is part of the installation. A gator vehicle, modified golf cart, or ATV will pull the brush down the field.
- The turf is built up to either 2 ¾ inches or 2 inches.
- The turf fields can reach hot temperatures on the surface of the field.

Mr. Hughes introduced Kristoff Eldridge, a certified track builder. Mr. Eldridge asked the coaches present about their goals for the track. In response, the coaches indicated the track should be built to host a conference track meet and it would be a bonus to go further and host a state championship track meet. At track events, four schools can be participating. A wide radius on the track would be preferred. The high jump and pole vault is as a placeholder on the plan design right now. Mr. Eldridge indicated that if the high jump can be separated from other events, it should be. The pole vault might be placed opposite the 8 track straight way. He indicated the Beynon sport surface model 300 (track surface) is good quality, markings are certified, and it is impermeable. Maintenance involves re-spraying every four to five years and debris must be removed as necessary, as it will ruin the track the longer it stays on it. Pricing is \$58 square foot installation and \$41 square foot for re-spraying.

A miscellaneous discussion took place with the following highlights:

- Fields dimensions for the two fields being same or not. Some coaches prefer the maximum, at least for one. Can have two different dimensions for the two fields, however, Mr. Hughes mentioned for practicality keeping the fields the same size is easier for the students to practice or play on.
- Field markers can be painted or sewn on. Mr. Hughes likes seeing the perimeter lines as permanent. Painted lines do fade and can be removed with special remover.
- Should rotate practice areas, including the goals, to keep the field surface the same for wear and tear.
- Accessories would include a fence around the full track and this is not part of the project.
- Crossing mats could help maintain the field.

An interested softball coach asked that the same stone dust be purchased for the baseball fields. It works well on the fields. However, this type of stone is produced once a year so extra efforts must be made to assure that this stone dust can be purchased and used on the fields every year. The company's name and location is Holden Trap Rock Company, 2077 Main Street, Holden, MA 01520, (508) 829-5353.

ON A MOTION by Ben Perron, seconded by Jim Lofink, the Committee voted unanimously (4-0-0) to table agenda items six, seven, and eight for next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The July 3, 2012 meeting is cancelled. A special meeting may be scheduled for July 10, 2012. An agenda will be posted later.

ON A MOTION by David White, seconded by Jim Lofink, the Committee unanimously voted (4-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia I. Chieski
Acting Recording Secretary